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AVAILABILITY OF NATURAL GAS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated quantum of natural gas availability in various places of the country;

(b) the quantum of natural gas lifted from the wells;

(c) the quantum of gas utilized for industry, power generation and for other use separately; and

(d) the future plan for utilization with references to the Tripura and other States of North-East?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas (Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar)

(a): The estimated balance recoverable reserves of natural gas in the country, as on 1.4.2000 is about 5386 billion cubic metre.

(b) & (c): The average production of natural gas during 2000-2001 (from April 2000 to Jan. 2001) has been about 81 million standard cubic metre per day, out of which, after providing for internal consumption and flaring, supplies have been made to various sectors as follows:-

Sector	Quantity in (MMSCMD)
Fertilizer	23.5
Power	24.5
Sponge Iron	3.6
Other industries	10.7

(d): Presently a total allocation of about 4.5 MMSCMD of gas has been made by GAIL in Tripura State mainly for power sector, out of which the utilization is about 1.0 MMSCMD only.In Assam the effective allocation is about 1.4 MMSCMD for power, fertilizer and tea gardens.

In addition, OIL has present commitments of the order of 3.83 MMSCMD in Assam which are likely to go upto 5.9 MMSCMD in future This includes additional commitments to existing consumers as well as Reliance Assam Petrochemicals Ltd. for its Gas Cracker Project and also for the Amguri Power Plant.